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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 8-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 8-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 June 2006 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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1. The amendment filed 6-22-06 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132(a) because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. 35 U.S.C. 132(a) states that no amendment shall introduce new matter into the disclosure of the invention. The added material which is not supported by the original disclosure is as follows:

None of the material added to page 6 in reference to the figure as well as the figure itself can be found in the original disclosure which merely provides a link between elevator maintenance company and owners in terms of the telecommunications system rather than an installer, monitor and maintenance company which provides all in one service.

Applicant is required to cancel the new matter in the reply to this Office Action.

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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3. Claims 8-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamada (2002/0173970) and Wilson (6578675)

As stated above, the references to monitoring devices remotely and maintaining operations are not supported by the original disclosure.

Hamada teaches in figures 1-17, an elevator maintenance contract support system.

An elevator maintenance contract can provide maintenance plans and conditioning monitoring.

As illustrated, the contract includes the communications network 3.

The contract can further be based as a full contract or checking contract.

Hamada does not illustrate telecommunication "setup".

Wilson teaches that for user ease, it is advantageous to consolidated services such as billing/maintenance/service/installation. Installation further allows to provide a team for installation or allow the maintenance provider to install the system.

Thus, to utilize a consolidated service for user ease, it would have been obvious to provide the system of Wilson (which includes options for installation) within the system of Hamada.

4. Applicant's arguments filed 2-27-07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The examiner interprets the original disclosure to the use of an intermediate company which performs the "administration" of the communications between a "client" (owner of elevators/escalators/doors) and a "company" (business which maintains elevators/escalators/doors).

Such functions include the opening of telecommunications accounts and invoicing.

The newly submitted claims 8-17, which were previously denied entry as directed to a new invention, appear to the examiner, to be based on the amendment of 6-22-06, which introduces

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new matter with the addition of providing "monitoring" and "maintenance" as opposed to the original specification which merely provides an intermediary to provide "administrative" services.

The addition of figure 1, and associated text within the specification, references elements 103,104,105. The examiner cannot see where these are supported within the original specification other than the fact that another company would provide them, while the instant invention is only used for administrative purposes.

Applicant is invited to point out specific references to any actual services performed by the instant invention such as "monitoring" or "maintaining" within the original specification of 12-2-03.

The examiner can find no references other than that of a separate maintenance company providing those services rather than the instant invention.

Hamada provides the monitoring of the telecommunication between an elevator and a monitoring company and provides invoices and either full or checking contracts. Wislon teach the inclusion of communications services for consolidation of all services.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 months from the date of this letter.

Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

Any inquiry of a **general nature** should be directed to the **Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2800**.

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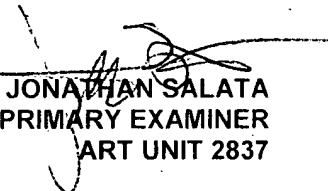
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Any inquiry concerning **this communication or earlier communications from the examiner** should be directed to **Jonathan Salata** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-2073**. The examiner does not have as detailed access as the previously listed numbers with regard to status or general problem solving. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lincoln Donovan, can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext 27.

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March 9, 2007


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